

How Sleepy Senate Page Lost an Important Bill

ASHINGTON.-Senator Ollie James of Kentucky has been trying ever since the adjournment of congress, on March 4, to find out what became a certain bill that was passed by both houses and never reached the president for his signature, thereby failing



to become a law. Not only Senator James but the clerks of both houses and other officials are on the hunt for the missing bill, although its discovery is of no importance, because it died at noon on March 4, when it failed to carry the signature of Woodrow Wilson. All that congress knows concerning the fate of the bill is that it was turned over to a sleepy little page boy of the senate at two o'clock

in the morning of March 4 and immediately thereafter disappeared as mysteriously as some ships, men and other things. The bill provided for a reorganization of the force in the patent office.

The boy was told to take the bill across the corridor to the enrolling clerk, who has his desk in the office of the secretary of the senate. The boy started with the bill. It never reached the desk of the enrolling clerk. For this fact the youngster was later wholly unable to account, nor has the text of the measure ever been found. Nobody blames the boy because he was dead tired and probably not half awake when he started on his errand. But the fact that a sleepy child was able to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery of congress, without the least intention to do so, shows that the legislative engine of the greatest republic in the world is occasionally subject to as many frenk ills as an automobile.

School That Gives Children Training for Life

W ASHINGTON has a unique new school, the first one of its kind to form part of the public school system of the city. It is a school where desks have given place to household furniture, sewing machines, work benches, tool

cases and the shoemaker's bench and last. From its class rooms issue constantly the noise of hammer and saw, the hum of the busy sewing machines, the rattle of pans and dishes and the swish of broom and brush.

Through the open door come the rasp of file and plane, the rhythmic thump of the shoemaker's pegging. The energetic homy sounds of house keeping float out to meet the visitor. while the appetizing aroma of stewing fruit and delicious baking custards

extends a fragrant welcome. Books, papers, maps, charts and all of the stereotyped paraphernalia of the conventional schoolroom are missing. The blackboards are empty of history outlines, columns of spelling words, tongue-twisting geographical names and brain-fagging mathematical problems

of percentage and discount, portraying instead working drawings for the young carpenter, day's menus and the cost per article thereof for a family of six, names of cuts of meat and various terms in the lingo of cookery and marketing. Across the hall in the sewing classroom may be seen blackboard pictures of fashion's extremes It is not until the startled gaze adjusts itself somewhat to the novelty of

the scene and the different classes are studied individually that the real spirit of this place makes itself felt, for it is a school to dignify labor and to give to boys and girls some idea of the demands of life.

Though all signs of academic instruction are absent from the shops and housekeeping department, the pupils are faithfully taught the traditional "R'a" and all else prescribed in the usual curriculum for the grades to which they belong. Music, physical culture and drawing are curtailed, but not entirely omitted.

In addition, the plan is to equip the pupils so that they may step out into the commercial world, and by making use of the instruction they have re-ceived here he able readily to secure employment in a familiar line of work, and also be spared many weary hours of apprenticeship, should they conclude to use what they have learned as the foundation upon which to build their life work.

President May Sell Newspapers in Baltimore

BECAUSE President Wilson wrote a mighty interesting and helpful letter healthy fellow like you coming here trade temporarily stagnant owing to to Baltimore newspaper boys, in which he told them, besides other things, with a toothache, just after the battle, the war, into one where skilled labor that "the right road is the straight road and is the only road that will carry

I WILL USE THIS BADGE GET HARD

any man where he would care to go." and "that it isn't worth while to go anywhere if you cannot go with honor and self-respect," he was heartily thanked by a committee of the boys, consisting of Samuel Friedel, seventeen: George Harrison, fifteen: William G. McQuinn, fifteen, and Jesse

Rosenstein, fourteen Harrison handed the president a badge of the child labor bureau of Baltimore, entitling him to sell newspapers in that city. He assured the

boys that if he ever got hard up he would use the permit to make some money. Harrison is better known among the Baltimore "newsles" as "Germany," while McQuinn is universally called "Giggles." It was a great emtarrassment to "Germany" when he undertook to tell the president how much the Baltimore "newsies" appreciated his letter and the sentiments he had shown therein.

The president in his letter to the newsboys said: "I am very glad to hear about the way in which you youngsters are be ginning to take care of yourselves and stop the things that you are sure to be sorry for afterward, and I want to send you this message of hearty good will and express the hope that the things you are learning now will make you not only more successful men, but happier men."

Girl Drives Congressional Library Jitney Bus

THE first jitney bus to be operated in the capital is driven by a young woman, Miss Elizabeth Cushman, who utilizes her care to take fellow clerks ut the congressional library to and from their homes in Cleveland Park. Miss Cushman says she is not run-

ning a "regular" jitney line. It is just an accommodation line, run at the request of girl friends in Cleveland Park, who are associated with her at the library.

Miss Cushman says she was in the habit of picking up her friends in the morning to take them to the library, and then would drive them home with her at night. Her friends insisted on paying for the ride, and the congressional library jitney bus

line was launched. "The jituey bus pars," Miss Cushman said. "I believe it would pay to install a regular schedule between Cleveland Park and downtown, even though it is a long haul." It is about four miles from the Cleveland Park neighborhood to the

Miss Cushman does not believe a line from Chevy Chase to the downtown section would be a paying venture, owing to the distance, but she is surprised that litney bus lines have not been inaugurated in cross-town streets and from districts that are not served by car lines.

Bound to Be Seen. Little Mr. Einstein, a traveling salesman, found himself far away from home, and naturally very lone-some. He knew not a soul in the hotel at which he was staying and he decided that he must attract some at-

Discordant Thoughts. In wandering through your mental pleasure-grounds, whenever you come upon an ugly intruder of a thought which might bloom into some poisonous emotion such as fear, envy hate, worry, remorse, anger, and the like, there is only one right way to decided that he must attract some attention at any cost. Presently a bell-hop came through the lobby paging a Mr. Murphy. "Mr. Murphy!" he shouted. At this point Mr. Einstein jumped up and hollered: "Say, boy, vat initials?"—Everybody's.

hate, worry, remorse, anger, and the like, there is only one right way to treat it. Pull it up like a weed; drop it upon the rubbish-heap as prompted up and hollered: "Say, boy, vat initials?"—Everybody's. GERMAN BICYCLE SCOUT SQUAD IN POLAND



soldier's mouth. The bullet could not

feel it through the cheek.

ting the pain.

sat down to tea.

cold-all sticky."

be all right."

yound in his chest.

quired the priest.

"A through wound," anxiously re

"Well, there you are," quite cheer

The surgeon had to bring down the

whole weight of his authority to pre-

vent him from scooting back to the

trenches with a fresh "through"

Creat Britain Fits Grown-Ups for

Jobs Which Require Skilled

Labor.

London.-One of the most interest

ng employment experiments in Eng-

land is a trade training school for

trade temporarily stagnant owing to

is urgently needed. "he experiment

is being carried out by the Prince of

Wales Relief fund, and if successful

Furniture trade was one of those

adversely affected by the war, and a

arge number of skilled furniture

workers have since become skilled

The school was opened December 7,

Country Boy Returns Home After Fee

Weeks' Absence Driving a

Racing Car.

ther gave him \$250 and good advice.

"Now, Henry, be careful," his father

advised. "This will be enough money. You can't have extras." Henry came

back home, driving a 1915 model rac-

ing roadster. He wore a tailor-made

that he had \$2,500 or more on deposit

A few days after his arrival in

Hutchinson with his \$250, he fell in

with a friend of his father, a grain

man. Henry was tempted. He in-

in a bank.

going to school

leather workers, on military equip

may be indefinitely extended.

ment.

men, enabling them to shift from a

marked the surgeon, after a quick ex-

TRIAL OF STAMINA

Endurance, Not Showy Battles, Will Decide This War.

Case of One of Czar's Troopers Cited to Show Endurance of Russians-Perforated, Anxious to Return to Front.

Warsaw.-There can be no doubt now that this war is going to be de cided, not by a series of brilliant, victories in grand battles, but by a trial of stamina and power of endurance between the allies and their Teutonic enemies.

Nowhere do the conditions of war demand of the allies so much patient endurance and indifference to great sufferings as on the eastern front, where the Russian army is laboring under most cruel disadvantages owing to scarcity of railways and almost total absence of good roads, while the differently. Germans have in their rear the most perfect system of strategic railways geon. The soldier was quite upset to in the world, built entirely for the pur- trouble "his honor" when he was so poses of an aggressive war against Russia.

For this trial of endurance and stamina the Russian army is emi-nently suited, both collectively and in-"Well, t dividually. There is no other soldier in the world who can stand so much in and out. So why waste your time physical pain and privation as the Russian.

In this connection one may recall a characteristic scene described in the Russkoye Slove of Moscow, by its correspondent at the front.

The scene took place at a field hospital. In front of a large tent a crowd of wounded soldiers, straight from trenches, were waiting medical A kindly Russian priest was but a type of Russia's peasant waraid. handing round mugs of tea, which he poured from a large samovar. The soldiers drank their tea with frank slaughts will break like sea waves expressions of enjoyment on their against a granite rock. faces-all except one. He first silently brushed aside the proffered hand of the priest, and when the latter pressed upon him a mug of tea mumbled dully:

"Can't. The tooth aches. Please, can I see the doctor?"

The priest could not refrain from reproaching the big fellow for troubling the doctor with a toothache.

"Why," he said, "fancy a strong, when the doctors are so busy with really important cases. Couldn't yo wait?"

"It aches something awful," mumbled the soldier.

"Then, why didn't you come earlier, before the battle?"

"It didn't ache then. It started aching only when the bullet got in my mouth. It stuck there.' The soldier touched his cheek with

his finger. Only then did the priest realize how unjust he was in reproaching the sol-

dier with malingering. He hurried for a surgeon, who hastily examined the

CHILD DANCER A SENSATION and the report of the first five weeks!



Virginia Myers, daughter of Jerome Myers of New York, made her first public appearance as a dancer when she was four years old. Her dances are original, unrehearsed and sponta-Virginia is now nine years

Quite Rat Catching When He Earns Enough Money to Buy a Boat.

Galveston, Tex.—Charles Bertolins, the Galveston Pied Piper, has turned in his badge and will not be seen catching rats along the water front and the beach for some time. Charles is the champion rat catcher of Galveston. For the past several months veston. For the past several months

rate of 2,000 per month. For this service he received the reg-

ular price paid for rats, and in addition was given a bonus of \$10 provided he caught as many as 1,000 in thirty

'HICCOUGHS OF THE SEA'

Scientists Explain Frequent Reports of Cannonading Heard in the North Sea.

be seen from the inside, but he could Paris.-The frequent reports, which "Now, hold tight, little brother," he subsequently were not confirmed, that heavy cannonading had been heard in said, arming himself with pincers, the North sea, have led to an investi-"and don't you move."
"Ready to obey, your honor," regation by scientists. It was thus disclosed that the reports of detonations plied the soldier, quite briskly, forgetwere authentic, although no firing took A most painful operation ensued.

Scientists who were on the lookout The surgeon made one pull, then anfor a repetition of this phenomenon other, and yet another, and all proved were rewarded by hearing loud detonaunsuccessful, and only the fourth pull tions off the coast on a day when it brought out the bullet. With his was known that no naval action whatmouth bleeding profusely, he asked ever was in progress. This phenomethe surgeon to let him have his bullet non was noted along the French coast, as a souvenir. Smiling and happy, he off the Department of Pas-de-Calais. Abbe Moreux of the observatory at "Ah, it is good to drink hot tea now Bourges came to the conclusion that I got quite cold. My back is wet and these loud reports were simply what the Belgians call "mistpoeffers," or ex-"What is the matter with it?" inplosions of fog. They are called "hiccoughs of the sea" in Holland, and "Oh, it must be a bullet-grazed my sometimes are referred to as marine back," answered the soldier, quite inbombs. The same phenomenon has been observed on the banks of the The priest again called the surgreat lakes and on the great plains of the Delta of the Ganges.

After the theory that these detonations were produced by artillery had been discarded, it was thought possible that they were the result of electrical discharges. Finally Abbe Moreux noticed that the appearance of this phefully retorted the soldier; "she went nomenon was generally simultaneous with reports of explosions of firedamp over her? No harm done. If your in mines. honor would only bandage it, I shall

The electrical action of the sun upon the surface of the earth, the abbe says, provokes movements favorable to the expansion of imprisoned gases whereever there are fissures in the crust.

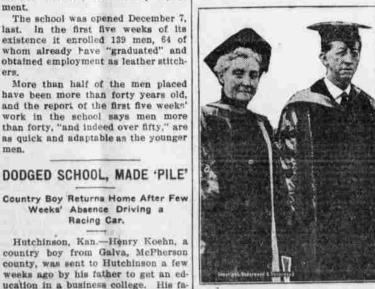
These gases, liberated from their prisons, explode and cause at the same This sturdy, simple-hearted soldier, time explosions of firedamp and earthso indifferent to pain and privation, is quakes. The abbe pointed out that earthquakes are always preceded by riors. Against an army of such warnoises resembling distant detonations riors all the impetuous German onof artillery. Vibrating shocks originating in the interior of the crust of the earth may produce sonorous waves which are quite perceptible if the at-HAS TRADE SCHOOL FOR MEN osphere is in repose

Abbe Moreux says that meteorological conditions do not, as has been supposed, cause the phenomenon, al though they may favor its production.

"Young Turk" Homesick.

East Lansing, Mich.—Homestckness stronger even than the fear of the al lied fleets battering at the Dardanelles, caused M. A. Mehmedoff, a sophomore agricultural student at M. A C to pack up his belongings and start for his home in Constantinople Mehmedoff was one of the "young Turks" and a good student.

COLLEGE GETS \$10,000,000



Miss Mary Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr college, will receive the bulk of the \$10,000,000 estate left by her friend, Miss Mary Elizabeth Gar rett, daughter of the late John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore & suit and a diamond ring. Also he had Ohio railroad. Miss Thomas is named in his pocket a bank book showing executrix and residuary legatee under the will which has just been probated Bryn Mawr receives no specific bequest, but the terms of the will indicate that Miss Thomas and Miss Garrett, who had been close friends for years, had an understanding that the vested his \$250 in wheat. Usually it college was to receive substantial pans out the other way. In Henry's benefits. The picture shows Miss case it didn't. Some say he cleaned Thomas and Baron Russell Briggs of up as much as \$7,000. Henry is not Radeliffe college at recent college ex-

PIED PIPER ENDS CAREER he has been taking the rodents at the | The latest record made by Charles was 1,028 rats in 16 days. For these he was paid at the rate of eight and ten cents each and given a bonus of \$10.

Found Watch Lost in 1860

great war the city of York. William's college from the fate which England, true to its ancient threatened it, and saved to posterity traditions, once more became an armed camp, for turesque buildings in the city. many of Great Britain's soldiers were sent there for training, and modern troops have drilled and marched self, despite the sinister memories where Cartismandua ruled over an ancient British camp in the time of the

Col. R. F. Meysey-Thompson says: made away with by those who ought to know better, but, having no revertions or any love for the beautiful, cannot be made to understand sesses in her ancient picturesque in many glorious antiquities

the breaking out of the | grateful thanks for having rescued St. one of the most interesting and ple-

Some of the Antiquities. Clifford's tower is a charm in Itsacre of the Jews. The ancient royal Druids, where the Romans held sway palace, now occupied as a school for and where Danes and Saxons fought the blind, takes one back with its Writing of York in Country Life, courts and alleys to the stormy period of the Tudors and Stuarts. Inside the Despite the never-ending destruc-tion of old buildings-frequently splendid ruins of St. Mary's abber, while the patched up state of the round tower at the top of Marygate ence themselves for ancient associa- tells eloquently of the siege when it was blown up with gunpowder.

There is more than one pair of stocks what an invaluable asset York pos- still to be seen in York, notably in the churchyard of Holy Trinity gables and quaint buildings so in keep- church. Mickelgate; and at either end ing with her past—the city is still rich of the city, at the end of Burton lane The and opposite the infantry barracks at Minster, of course, stands easily first Fulford, are two "plague stones," (it is absolutely true that when a which recall to mind those terribie very distinguished German general visitations of the Middle Ages. At the was being shown round York not stones the country people used to demany months before the war began. posit their wares, and then retire a the only enthusiastic remark he made short distance until the townsfolk had "that the Minster would afford advanced and, taking up their pursuch a splendid mark for artillery chases, had deposited the money for from anywhere around") both from the same in water, when, in their turn, its perfect design and workmanship the vendors advanced and picked out and from the wealth of treasures it the coins. In this manner the two possesses, especially in the beautiful parties never came in contact with glass in its windows. It is, however, each other, well supported by numerous examples,

In the infantry burracks a grand old



MICKELGATE BAR

towns famous, and attract visitors Turpin having been planted, it is said, from far and near.

City Walls and Their Bars. There are the city walls, for in-Walmgate, and there are even superone removed also! Monk bar still retains its portcullis, and when last year | ing exists. it was lowered for the first time for many years for cleaning purposes, it proved such an attraction that hopes quently lowered when the requirements of traffic permitted.

Mickelgate bar has the weird nofears of a king, or to appease the ranit had fallen, and for restoring it patriotism also we must render most close of the eighteenth century.

any one of which would make most | tree keeps alive the memory of Dick over the grave of Black Bess. Mention must finally be made of the racecourse on Knavesmire, now handed stance, with their famous bars. All over for the nonce to the training and of the bars formerly had barbicans housing of the troops, but where the and portcullis, but the exigencies of famous little Gimcrack once ran, also 'trade' have demanded the abolition Blacklock, the founder of a mighty of all of the former except the one at family; and where, above all, was run the famous race between the Flying vandals who have essayed to have this | Dutchman and Voltigeur, a struggle whose fame will last as long as rac-

Honored by Kings. In the old days royal visits were frequent to York. King Richard II was were entertained that it might be fre- an especially gracious patron of the old city, and it was he who bestowed the title of lord mayor upon its chief citizen. According to Drake, King toriety that belongs of necessity to Richard took his sword from his side the spot commonly selected for the and gave it to be worn before Wildisplay of the gory heads of the flow- liam de Selby, as first lord mayor, on er of the nobility, which had been the occasion of his visit in 1388. And cut off by the headsman to allay the in 1396 the king confirmed to the citizens and their successors forever cour of rivals. Hard by the Minster that "the mayor of the said city and is the renowned treasurer's house, his successors for the time being may once the abode of the chosen repre- have carried, or may cause to be carsentative of the king to govern the ried, before them their sword which North. To the skill and enterprise of | we gave them, or any other sword Mr. Frank Green England owes a they please, out of the presence of us debt for having rescued this splendid and our helrs, with the point erect, specimen of medieval architecture both in the presence of other magfrom the degraded state into which nates and lords of our kingdom of England." That sword is, unfortunateagain to a near approach to its for- ly, no longer among the city treasmer glory. To the same gentleman's ures, having disappeared towards the

Bowler or Derby? Most men find a bowler hat best for | ing out of the invention in some way rough weather, and the president of or another. Science follows the inva-the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colors declares it to be artistic as and accepting as the inventor the man well as serviceable. "The bowler was who has really succeeded in making worn by the Greeks," says Sir James the invention practicable and bringing Linton. "What was good enough for it to an actual achievement. It is of Athens ought to do for London. Why, course impossible to tell how many even Mercury wore a bowler hat—if men may have had ideas more or less the Greek vases are to be believedand if he put wings into it, it was only by way of trimming." The Amerventions. icans, with whom this is a favorite hat, prefer to call it a derby-it is difficult to say why. Even the Cen-

United States as a fashionable novelty in the year 1874, gives no clue to the origin of this term.—London Chron-

The Telephone. The accredited inventor of the telegreat scientific invention various per-sons have had various kinds of "first

tury dictionary, though stating that the hat itself was adopted in the

at all, others contributory to the worksimilar to Bell's or to those of any men who have succeeded in great in

Better Have Left It Alone. Duncan's wife had the reputation

of being a first-class shrew. When Duncan died his neighbors put a tombstone over his grave, with the epitaph, "Asleep in Peace." Widow Duncan was wild. It was meant as a slam at her and she knew it was. It meant that she did not let him sleep in peace when alive. The neighbors as-aured her that it was not meant that phone is Alexander Graham Bell. It is inevitable that in practically every great scientific invention various persons have had various kinds of "first ideas," some of them never carried out